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## Paragraphics.

A blunderbuss-Kissing the wrong girl. "Arose" by any other name would be "got

How to meet a man of doubtful credit-Take no note of him. THE embers of the dying year-November

and December.

Love without money is something like patent leather boots without soles. There is a man in New Jersey who has not

been to church for twenty years. He boards The teacher who was whipped by his biggest scholar considered it a poor rule that

worked both ways. An Arkansas bridegroom managed to take quite an extended bridal tour by disposing of tickets to his wedding at 50 cents

As a companion piece to "Her face is her fortune," there will soon be issued an exceedingly interesting novel called "His Cheek is his Spondulix."

An Indiana man bet \$10 that he could ride the fly-wheel in a saw-mill, and as his widow paid the bet she remarked: "William was a kind husband, but he didn't know much about fly-wheels."

"Where a woman," says Mrs. Partington, "has been married with a congealing heart, and one that beats desponding to her own, she will never want to enter the maritime state again." A spread-eagle orator wanted the wings

of a bird to fly to every village and hamlet pany you." in the broad land, but he wilted when a naughty boy in the crowd sang out: "You'd at Cape Charles again, but groaned with

Some of the Southera planters are going too far with their new pet theory of small farms. An Alabama nabob has cut his plantation into patches, not one of which is big-

ger than Rhode Island. "We are proud of the impressibly solemn

having her dress cut down in the back with a liberality which astonished me and delightnot the Pompadour style, exactly; rather the fair, who eagerly bought up the tickets. are perennial, but the progress that

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I should say." arithmetic. She commenced the question, "If you buy a cow for ten dollars"-when

breakfast table a few mornings since, made are contracted, in which the motives are freloud and repeated calls for buttered toast. After disposing of a liberal quantity of that bler. nourishing article, she was told that to much fully at the dish for a moment, she thought London Globe, "the bride walked on the before the age of 10. Girls and boys, he said, she saw a way out of her dimedity, and exclaimed, "Well, give me anuzzer piece and groom must have been a little alarmed to see send for the doctor."

We fancy the bride-should go to the same schools and colleges, and consequently the guessers have a wide pursue the same courses of study, and be send for the doctor." send for the doctor.

### A "Spunky" One.

A correspondent of the Charleston Evening News, traveling on the Eastern shore row in a tavern, where the inmates we of Virginia, gives the following in one of fighting and swearing, and said he:

We turned aside from our path for space to visit an object of some curiosity which is one of the "lions" of the Eastern shore. This is an ancient vault, belonging drink?" to a member of the "Custis" family, a branch of the same stock with which Washington claimed : intermarried. It lies upon a fine old farmstead, looking out upon "the bay," and oc-18 00 cupies the center of a large field, the only man with delirium tremens. The boy gaz prominent object sheltered by some old ed upon him affrighted, as the drunkard trees. The vault is of white marble, elaboraved and tore, and, thinking the demons

"Under this marble tomb lies the body of the boy?" HON. JOHN CUSTIS, Esq., of the city of Williamsburg and parish Burton; formerly of Hunger's parish, on the Eastern shore of Virginia, and county

of Northamton; aged 71 years, and yet lived but seven years, which was the time he kept a bachelor's home at Arlington, on the Eastern shore of Virginia."

The inscription, we are told by another on the opposite side, was put on the tomb by his own positive order. The gist of it, as our lady readers will be pleased to perceive, consists in the lines we have italicized; the force of which will be better felt and understood from the additional fact, which does not appear, that this bachelor, who life. actually married three times. His experted to a wedding feast where, with fruit and misery, are in a great measure made up of ience, if we are to believe his epitaph, was cake, the wine cup is passed, amid scenes rifles, just as time is made up of moments. gave them a full and fair trial, at the expense of his own happiness, and pronounced judgment only after repeated experiments. Tradition has preserved some anecdotes of the sort of experience which he enjoyed in the marriage state, one of which I will relate. It appears that he was driving out in

his ancient coach with one of his wives (and to do him justice, we must assure the reader that he had but one at a time,) and in the neighborhood of the very spot upon which we ourselves are now standing, Cape Charles, a matrimonial discussion ensued between the pair, which warmed as they

proceeded. The lord grew angry, the lady "It was a diamond," said one.

"And I insist," quoth the other," that "You will drive me mad!" cried John

"I should call this admirable driving retorted the wife.

"If you say another word I will drive down into the sea.!" They were even then upon the beach.

"Another word!" screamed the lady. "Drive where you please," she added-"into the sea, I can go as deep as you dare go any day !" He became furious, took her at her word,

and drove the horses and charlot into the ocean. They began to swim. He held in, looked into her face and she laughed in

"Why do you stop?" she demanded, exultingly, not a whit alarmed. "You are a devil !" he exclaimed, flinging

the horses about, and making for the shore "Pooh! pooh!" laughed his tormenter.

lor's life at Arlington. lady attracted considerable attention by ated a wondrous sensation among the belles of beauty, is seldom a joy, and combines of the French capital, and the result was discomfort with unserviceableness. Comthat all sorts of speculations went on among plaints are frequent and efforts at reform more on the barndour style of architecture, A fair young damsel, who speculated for the made is usually in the wrong direction." frolic of the thing become the holder of the In a little town in Missouri a lady teacher prize ticket. The lucky youth tendered her we never heard; at all events, it was certainly as likely to do so as many others that

The year begins. I turn a leaf A gentleman took his son to a drunke Each to fulfill will be in chief

Ah, bright resolve! How high you bear

The future's hopeful standard on ;

You shun the path of careless case

Lentils and wooden shoes? Is this

What wonder, then, if men do fall,

Where good is ever all austere;

Yet still once more I turn the leaf,

I struggle with old unbelief,

And turns the leaf to lead the year

And mean to walk the better way

And strive to reach the perfect day.

Be all one reach of sterile sand?

Why not just hear and there, be given

A rose to deck the dreary land?

But why repine? Others have trod,

With sorer feet and heavier sins,

Their painful pathway toward God :

Has time inscribed upon my leaves ;

I've wandered many a harvest through,

Hope against hope for one success

Trifles.

trifle; it is a breach of plain duty.

restored children, is this which is gravely

told by the Portland (Ore.) Bulletin, of

November 26: "We have just learned of a

strange incident which has recently trans-

pired in this city, which fully proves that

truth is ofttimes stranger than fiction. Miss

Gemma Frankle, well known to many in

this city, will be a passenger on the out-

going steamer to San Francisco, on route to

visit her parents, in Florence, Italy, whom

to Portland, Oregon, traveling with a circus.

When she reached this city, about four

years ago, she attained her eighteenth year,

and left the company and took up her home

here. She at once entered a printing office

and learned to set type, and has been suc-

retirement. She had been in Portland but a

short time when she caused letters to be

sent to the United States Consul in Flor-

ence, with her photograph, requesting that

steps be taken to ascertain the whereabouts

of her parents, if living. In a short time

they were found, and the happiness given

the family at home, who had advertised in

almost every country on the globe for their

lost daughter can be better imagined than

described. They forwarded sufficient means

Outside the door of a Boston to a store an

immense teapof is kept boiling and steaming

as an advertisement. The proprietor gives

every purchaser a chance to guess how much

My pilgrimage anew begins.

Failure and failure, hitherto,

Yet once again the leaf I turn,

One merit-mark, at least, to earn,

Why should the road that leads to heaven

While vice is fair and pleasant all,

The fare a human soul to please

You point to deeds of sacrifice.

How soon our faith and courage gone.

"Do you know what has caused this?" "No, sir." His father, pointing to the decanter said: "That's the cause, Will you take

A New Year Lesson.

The boy started back with horror, and ex-

Then he took the child to the cage of rately carved in London, in a state of pare were after him, caied, "Leave me alone THE RECORD PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT is tial dilapidation. The curious feature about leave me alone! I see ,em! they're com-

"Do you know the cause of this, my

"This is caused by drink; will you have some?" and the boy shrank back with a shudder as he refused the cup.

Next they called at the miserable hovel of a drunkard, where was squalid poverty, and the drunken father beating his wife, and, with oaths, knocking down his child-

"What has caused this?" said the fath-

When told that it was rum, he declared that he would never touch a drop in his

But suppose that the lad should be invi- Our lives, or rather their happiness or handed to him by a smiling girl. His noble-hearted father, whom he loves, presses the wine glass to his lips and compliments the young lady on the excellence of its quality; what wonder if the son follow his

DRESS ABSURDITIES .- The Hartford Courant says: "Believers in the intellectual equality of the sexes are puzzled to account for the sheep-like manner in which the entire female sex will rush into a dress absurdity at the dictation of some dressmaker or millilner, who possibly draws her inspiration from the Parsian demi monde. As an instance, take the last agony in hats. Some unknown woman satirist conceived the idea of exhibiting the weakness of the sex by

means of the ordinary felt hat, cocked on one side. A year ago the average fashionable woman would as soon have worn cavalry boots and spurs. But to-day you may count them as they go by on the street-blue hood or shoddy, strong-minded or weak, intellectual or frivolous-nine out of every ten will have the same style hat, cocked as to one side, and we suppose they speak of them with the same tender and gushing admiration as of the 'loves of bonnets' which a few years since ornamented the wonderful superstructure which adorned the female head. We admit that this is a dangerous subject. We may be told that the cocked hat is no more absurd than most of the other styles of head gear which have been in vogue from the days when bonnets were first invented and that the creatures who consent to wear 'stove-pipes' are not comsex. And we must admit that there is just she has no recollection of ever having seen.

where you dare go where I dare not accomof beauty, and the felt hat is better than who promised to educate and provide for She had conquered. He never drove in the average, but let us suppose that some ambitious hatter should attempt to introbe shot for a goose befor you had flied a the recollection of the seven years' bache- duce a tile with no brim on one side, or shaped like a funnel, how many of his fellow citizens would adopt the absurdity? We THE LOTTERY OF MARBIAGE. - Marriage is fear it must be taken as evidence of male often a lottery in a general sense; but there superiority that, while the two sexes started is one case on record, at least, in which it in the race with the same fig-leaf enwrap-A paper, in speaking of the good things was made most literally so. A certain youth- ment, man has succeeded in clothing himin the village where it is published, says: ful swain in France, relying upon his per-self with a dress which combines comfort sonal attractions mainly, actually put him- and utility with, in some cases, at least, dertaker is a hideous incubus on the growth self up as the one grand prize in a lottery of certain amount of elegance. Woman, on 10,000 tickets of the value of two dollars the other hand, has encumbered herself JOHN PAUL, in describing a ball, says: "A each. Then ovel matrimonial expedient cre- with a dress which, while sometimes a thing

Dr. Gunn, of the New York Medical Colwas exercising a class of juveniles in mental the pecuniary proceeds of the lottery, twenty lege, delivered a lecture before the Liberal to carry her from the land of the setting sun to carry her from the l thousand dollars; they became a case of Club recently upon the education of the across the blue waters to the vine-clad bills "love at first sight," and within the brief sexes. The modern system of education said of her Italian home. She goes, and with "Why, you can't buy no cow for ten dol- limits of the day Hymen settled their des- he, is very defective. As soon as the child-Father sold one for sixty dollars the tiny, and the "twain became one flesh." ren grow out of infancy the sexes are segother day, and she was a regular old scrub, Whether this marriage turned out happily, arated. The boy is allowed to romp about, while the girl is decked in finery, shut in the

thought that the education of the children the teapot will hold, and on the 1st of Janquently no less whimsical, and not a whit no- life is to obtain a husband. The lecturer should begin at a very early age, but he uary he will give a chest of tea to the best At a recent wedding, according to the would not allow children to learn from books

### Advice to a Girl Who is "Finished." TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF. Josh Billings gives the following

Gertrude-Yu tell me that you hav been All over writ with good resolves 2 years at a boarding skool, and hav just finished yure edukashun, and want to kno My sim while earth its round revolves. How many a leaf I have turned before, And tried to make the record true ;

what yu shall do next. Listen, mi gushing Gertrude, and I will Each year a wreck on time's dull shore Proved much I dared, but little knew

Git up in the morning in good season, go down into the kitchen, seize a potato by How brave you start ; how poor you wear the throat with one hand and a knife with the other, skin the potato, and a dozen more like it, stir up the buckwheat batter, look in the oven and see how the biskitt are doing, bustle around generally, step on the cat's tail and help yure good o'd mother get

After brekfast put up the yung children's luncheon for skool, help wash up the dishes. sweep sum, put things in order, and sumtime during the day nit at least two inches and a half on sum ov yure brothers' fittle

blue woolen stockings for next winter. In other words go to wo k and make yure O WEN & HURLBUT, self useful now that you have bekum ornamental, and if yu have enny time left, after the beds are all made, and the ducks hav been fed, pitch into the pianna, and make

the old rattle box skum with musik. Do this for one year, and sumfikely yung DR. C. s. STOCKTON, fellow in the naberhood will hear ov it, and will begin to hang around yu, and say sweeter things than yu ever heard before, and finally will give yu a chance to keep house on your own hook.

You follow mi advice, Gerty, and see if

WHEN A WOMAN WILL SHE WILL -A few greatly adverse to the idea of any happiness of cheerfulness and gayety, where all the The discomfort of having to wait for a years ago an American lady while studying. in the marriage state; yet how strange that friends are respectable, beloved and kind meal beyond its regular hour, of finding medicine abroad, having been refused adhe should have ventured thrice upon it! to each other, and he should be asked to things ill-prepared or carelessly done, or mittance to a course of medical lectures Ruberts. The natural conclusion is, that the Hon. drink, would be refuse? Or suppase him meeting slovenliness and discomfort when in one of the most noted universities in John Custis was a singularly just and conwalking out with his father on New Year's a little thought and pains might have inGermany, determined to put on male coswalking out with his father on New Year's a little thought and pains might have inscientious man, who, unwilling to do the Day to call on his young lady friends, to troduced ease and even elegance, or of be-tume and pass herself off for a young man. sex any wrong by a premature judgment, enjoy the festivity of ushering in the ing brought up sharp at every turn by want One day an American Consul was summonnew year. With other things, wine is of punctuality and of method—these are ed to a hotel to see a lady from the United ills more difficult to bear than the uninitiat- States. As there was no reception room in the hotel, he was shown up to the room in-Most homes might be comfortable and ele- dicated in the note he had received by the gant. Yes, elegant; for comfort consists in servant. He looked in vain for the lady, inding everything where and as it should but saw what he supposed was a young man be; elegance in adding to what should be sitting on a trunk. He was soon undeceived.

here, that which need not be there, but The "boy" said he was simply in disguise, those presence surprises, attracts and grati- and set forth at length the reasons for such extraordinary conduct. She said she was There is often neither comfort nor ele- resolved to attend that course of lectures, gance in the richer mansions, while both are and had called in the Consul to give her found in the laborer's cottage. A jug filled real name and place of residence in the with flowers, a neat white curtain, a couple United States so that in case of trouble she of flower-pots, may effect what the expendi- could appeal to him for protection. The ture of as many dollars has not achieved : position of the Consul was a novel one, but Let it not be said that these are mere trifles, he finally consented to take the lady's statement, and promised to keep the secret Distrust the pretence of that spirituality inviolate, unless she should be discovered. whose eyes are too lofty for the compon This did not happen. The disguise answerthings of life. In the long catalogue of ed its purpose; the ady remained at the inthings to "think on," they rank at any rate stitution a year, passed through the course among the "whatsoever things are lovely." with honor, and is doubtless now applying You say they are trifles; then all the more the knowledge gained in her practice somethey ought not to be neglected. But, trifles where in the United States. We suppress though they be, to neglect them is not a all names of persons and places for obvious reasons, but give the fact in illustration of the indomitable perservance of women am-A FAMILY REUNITED.—One of the most bitious of a professional career in pursuit

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